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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS NOVEMBER 16 CONTINUES SPECULATION ON
AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD'S DEPARTURE

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1. CONSERVATIVE "AGHON", UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "NEW INITIATIVES", SPECULATES THAT AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD'S CURRENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ARE RELATED TO NEW INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS PROBLEM BEING PREPARED BY DR. KISSINGER WHO WISHES TO LINK HIS DEPARTURE FROM DEPARTMENT WITH SOME FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESS AND JUDGES THAT CYPRUS PROBLEM IS MOST PROMISING POSSIBILITY. PAPER SPECULATES SECRETARY WISHES TO ANTICIPATE NEW ADMINISTRATION BY DEFINING IN ADVANCE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH NEW PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE ON CYPRUS QUESTION. ACCORDING TO PAPER, WHEN AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD SUBMITS HIS RESIGNATION AT END OF THIS ADMINISTRATION, PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WILL REASSIGN HIM TO MORE IMPORTANT POSITION. PRO-CLERIDES "SIMERINI", UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "INFORMATION ON NEW INITIATIVES BY USA", GAVE STORY SIMILAR TREATMENT.

2. COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI" RELATED CONSULTATION TO NEW
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EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT FRAMEWORK FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

AND CONNECTED TRIP WITH GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR
PAPADOPOULOS' STATEMENT NOVEMBER 14 (TO BE REPORTED SEP-
TEL) THAT PRESSURE TO RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS MAY BE
EXPECTED. PRO-LYSSARIDES "TA NEA" ATTEMPTED TO CONNECT
AMBASSADOR'S TRAVEL WITH RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN CYPRUS
BY GEORGE BARBIS, POLITICAL COUNSELOR, AMERICAN EMBASSY
ATHENS. PAPER SUGGESTED UP-COMING PERSONNEL CHANGES IN
U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE COULD ALSO BE REASON BEHIND AMBASSADOR'S
UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE.
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